

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKER CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE

DATE: February 2, 2004

TIME: 9:00 a.m. C.S.T.

LOCATION: Cumberland Room
Ground Floor, Cordell Hull Building
Nashville, TN

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Odean Rasberry, Chair
Susan Vickerstaff
Vickie Fleming
Debra Wolkhamer

STAFF PRESENT: Janice Williams, Board Administrator
Ernest Sykes, Advisory Attorney
Robbie Bell, Director
Joan Burk, Board Administrator
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director
Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager

Ms. Rasberry, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., on February 2, 2004. A sufficient number of members were present to constitute a quorum.

Ms. Rasberry introduced the new board member, Ms. Wolkhamer, and welcomed her to the board.

Report from Ernest Sykes, Advisory Attorney

Mr. Sykes reviewed the Conflict of Interest statement informing the members this includes sitting in on a case where you feel you could be biased against the complainant or the state.

Application Review

The board reviewed the application of Anita Barnhart for licensure as a LCSW. Ms. Barnhart was present and discussed the circumstances surrounding her conviction for possession of a controlled substance in 1990. Upon conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to allow Ms. Barnhart to sit for the written examination. The motion carried.

The board reviewed the application of Carleen Britton for licensure as a LCSW, who previously applied for licensure through reciprocity. Ms. Britton's application was incomplete as only 14 of the required 100 clinical contact hours were under the supervision of an LCSW. Ms. Britton was

present with her attorney, Clark Spoden, who stated his client petitioned the board for a ruling on her application as the licensure requirements in Wisconsin and South Carolina were as stringent as the requirements in Tennessee. Mr. Spoden said the board has the authority to grant a discretionary license to a licensee who has not failed the exam and, who in the opinion of the board, is a certified practitioner in another state.

Mr. Sykes stated the board has not received the petition and the board will reconsider or formally deny Ms. Britton's application for licensure.

Ms. Rasberry stated Wisconsin requires 3000 clinical hours of supervision, whereas Tennessee only requires 2000 clinical hours of supervision.

Ms. Kimberly Harris, manager of the Social Work Department at Vanderbilt, was present and spoke on behalf of Ms. Britton. Ms. Harris said Ms. Britton was a very qualified therapist.

Upon conclusion of Ms. Britton's application review, Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to accept Ms. Britton's application for licensure in Tennessee through reciprocity from South Carolina. The motion carried. Ms. Rasberry opposed.

The board reviewed the application of John A. Metilor for licensure as a LCSW. Mr. Metilor was present and discussed the circumstances surrounding his conviction of filing a false tax report and submitted inappropriate supervision logs with his application.

Mr. Metilor stated had had been doing group supervision for the last five years for a treatment center and alcohol and drug center in Nashville and would submit additional logs to the board if required.

Upon conclusion of Mr. Metilor's application review, Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wolkhamer, to accept Mr. Metilor's application and allow him to sit for the written examination. The motion carried.

Report from Jerry Kosten, Rules Manager

Mr. Kosten discussed the rulemaking hearing held December 23, 2003 to amend rules, for all health related boards, pertaining to disciplinary actions, civil penalties, order modifications, settlements and screening panels. Mr. Kosten explained a respondent must provide proof of compliance, i.e., drug screenings, continuing education, supervision, etc. and appear before the Board before his/her license could be reinstated or taken off probation. Mr. Kosten said the Board is to vote to adopt the amendments.

Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to accept the amendment as written. A roll vote was conducted and all board members voted in the affirmative.

Review and Approve Minutes

Upon review of the November 3, 2003 minutes, Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vickerstaff, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Ratify Applications

Ms. McFadden, board consultant, reviewed and recommended the following applicants for licensure as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by examination:

Bethany Barton
Mari Alyce Benson
Christine R. Davis
Lisa Dupree (approve pending her signature on her supervision logs)
Paige Philp Goodale
Malcom Hensley
Elliott Ryan Hill
Kathy Jones
Amber Lander
Sherry Light
Katherine Mackay
Kimberly Jo Mullin
Tina Maria Musacchia
Cathy Prellwitz
Jibby Redfield
Barry E. Rorex
William B. Samuels
Amy E. Thomas
Anna VanEaton

Ms. McFadden, board consultant, reviewed and recommended the following applicants for licensure as Licensed Clinical Social Workers by reciprocity:

Bruce Owqen Dalton
Laurie E. Evans
Patricia Harman (approve pending Illinois license verification with a copy of the rules and regulations)
Tina McWilliams

Ms. McFadden, board consultant, reviewed and recommended the following applicants for reinstatement of their licenses as Licensed Clinical Social Workers:

Natalie Isaac
Edward L. Pomerantz

Ms. Vickerstaff made a motion, seconded by Fleming, to approve the above applicants for licensure by examination, reciprocity and reinstatement. The motion carried.

Ms. Williams, board administrator, reviewed and recommended the following applicants for licensure as Certified Master Social Workers:

Michael Adkison
Judith Lukas Arnold
Rachel Baker
Leanne Brooks
Kristi A. Brookshire
Anne Bullington
Lakishia R. Bussell
Sandra Clark
Margot Collins
Michael K. Daniels
Sarah A. Dewolf
June C. Dixon
Gregory D. Fisher
Emily C. Germany
Marvin M. Gilliam
Amanda Godin
Linda Graham
Teresa L. Greene
Shelly E. Hagar
Michelle Harris
Beverly A. Henderson
Bruce Hill
Danielle L. Hobbs
Jennifer Hogan
David W. Horton
Lynn D. Kinney
Erin Anne McCullough
Vera Y. Mitchell
Emma C. Pearson
Rosalyn Reed
Lisa Scheer
Kristi L. Steel
Donna J. Thorne
Margaret Utsey
Jamie L. Vancompernelle
Trang A. Wadsworth-Case
Debra Wynn

Ms. Fleming stated she reviewed the file of Catherine E. Gonce who was convicted of disorderly conduct and violation of registration over ten years ago. Ms. Fleming said Ms. Gonce obtained her master's degree with honors.

Ms. Fleming made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vickerstaff, to approve the above listed applicants for licensure including Ms. Gonce. The motion carried.

Review Financial Report

Ms. Rasberry said since the financial report was mailed to all board members a few weeks ago, a review was unnecessary unless someone had a question about the report. There were no questions.

Review Investigative Report

Ms. Phelps reviewed the Investigative Report in Ms. Moran's absence. Ms. Phelps said there were four complaints in Investigations, one for unprofessional conduct, one for unlicensed practice, etc. Ms. Phelps said there were eight allegations but only seven complaints, which indicates there were two complaints against one licensee.

Review Disciplinary Report

Ms. Phelps stated she was the new Disciplinary Coordinator and would be monitoring the compliance of disciplined licensees with the terms of probation. Ms. Phelps stated if a licensee was not in compliance a new complaint would be filed.

Ms. Rasberry asked who would notify the board if someone appealed the board's decision in Chancery Court. Mr. Sykes said that would come through the Office of General Counsel (OGC) and if Chancery Court stayed the decision, the licensee could continue to practice.

Ms. Phelps reviewed the list of historical disciplinary actions for the board.

With no other board business to conduct, Ms. Wolkhamer made a motion, seconded by Ms. Fleming, to adjourn. The motion carried. The board meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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